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SUBJECT: EC-NINE POSITION ON UNGA PALESTINIAN RESOLUTION

FOR UNDER SECRETARY SISCO AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM  
FROM ATHERTON

1. DURING NAC MEETING THIS MORNING, BRITISH REP REPORTED ON  
DECISION OF EC-NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS TO INFORM ARABS THAT PRESENT  
DRAFT PALESTINE RESOLUTION IS UNACCEPTABLE AND THEY COULD NOT  
SUPPORT IT. FOLLOWING MEETING, BOTH BRITISH AND DUTCH REPS  
APPROACHED ME SEPARATELY TO SAY THAT THERE WAS AGREEMENT THE  
EC-NINE WOULD ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION AS A GROUP BUT THAT THEY  
ARE CONCERNED THAT FRENCH WILL SEEK TO SELL SOME COSMESTIC  
CHANGES TO ARABS AND THEN ARGUE FOR AFFIRMATIVE EC VOTES.

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2. IN ADDITION,DUTCH REP TOLD ME HIS GOVERNMENT IS NOT HAPPY WITH ABSTENTION AND WOULD PREFER TO VOTE AGAINST PRESENT DRAFT BUT COULD NOT CAST NEGATIVE VOTE UNLESS THERE WERE RESPECTABLE NUMBER OF OTHER NEGATIVE VOTES -- I.E. MORE THAN USUAL FOUR. NOTING THAT US HAD ADOPTED LOW PROFILE SO FAR AS LAST PLO RESOLUTION WAS CONCERNED, AND EXPRESSING UNDERSTANDING WHY WE WOULD NOT WANT TO LAUNCH ALL OUT LOGGYING EFFORT AGAINST CURRENT RESOLUTION, DUTCH REP ASKED WHETHER WE COULD NOT DO SOME QUIET LOBBYING ON SELECTIVE BASIS TO SEEK TO ENCOURAGE A FEW MORE NEGATIVE VOTES. I WAS NON-COMMITTAL BUT UNDERTOOK TO REPORT THIS TO DEPARTMENT.

3. I CAN NOT JUDGE WHAT PROSPECTS ARE FOR SUCCESS IF WE SHOULD DECIDE TO MAKE EFFORT ALONG FOREGOING LINES, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW I WAS STRUCK BY UNIVERSALCRITICISM OF PRESENT ARAB DRAFT, AS TOTALLY ONE-SIDED, ON PART OF OTHER NAC REPRESENTATIVES WHO SPOKE DURING THIS MORNING'S SESSION.  
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